

REMARKS

This paper responds to the Office Action mailed on June 1, 2007.

Claims 2-4, and 8 are amended, claims 9-50 are canceled, and claims 72-78 are added; as a result, claims 1-6 and 8 and newly added dependent claims 72-79 are now pending in this application.

§112 Rejection of the Claims

Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In particular, the term “a polysilicon sacrificial second film” was stated to render the metes and bounds of the claims unclear as not being clear whether it is the same film as the second dielectric layer. Applicant has amended the claim to address the rejection, and requests that this rejection be withdrawn in view of the claim amendment.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 46-50 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) for anticipation by Lee et al. (KR Publication 2001-037699). Applicant notes that claims 46-50 are cancelled herein and respectfully request this rejection be withdrawn.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 4-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee et al. (KR Publication 2001-037699) in view of Choi (U.S. 6,080,594) and O'Brien (U.S. 5,817,182). Applicant notes that claims 4 and 5 depend from allowable claim 1 and contain further limitations over the allowable base claim. Applicant requests this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 6 and 8-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee et al. in view of Choi, O'Brien and Kang et al. (U.S. Publication 2004/0175884). Applicant respectfully notes that claims 9-21 are cancelled herein and claims 6 and 8 depend from allowable claim 1. Applicant respectfully requests this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 40-45 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee et al. in view of Jost et al. (U.S. 5,966,611) and Sell (U.S. Publication 2004/0147074). Applicant respectfully notes that claims 40-45 are cancelled without prejudice or waiver of patentable subject matter contained therein, and request this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 22-39 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chan et al. (U.S. 6,764,947) in view of O'Brien. Applicant respectfully notes that claims 22-39 are cancelled herein without prejudice or waiver of patentable subject matter contained therein. Applicant respectfully requests this rejection be withdrawn.

Applicant respectfully submits that newly added claims 72-79 depend from allowable claim 1 and recite further patentable features over the base claim. No new matter has been added and the recited features may be found in the specification and the cancelled claims as originally filed. Applicant respectfully requests claims 2, 4-6, 8 and 72-79 be allowed.

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rights to pursue any cancelled claims in a subsequent patent application claiming the benefit of priority of the present patent application, and to request rejoinder of any withdrawn claim, as required by MPEP § 821.04.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney David Suhl at (508) 865-8211, or the undersigned attorney at (612) 349-9587 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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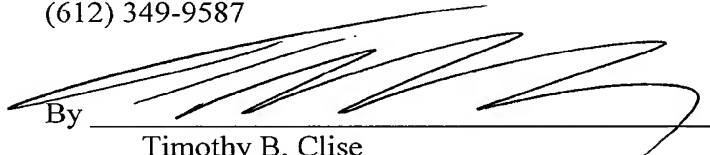
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